

cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

NOVEMBER 2019

FALL CLEANUP

When the Leaves Fly

Leaf collection begins Nov. 4 and rolls through Dec. 27. Please note that leaves should be raked to the curb by Friday, Dec. 20.

For new city residents, we typically get the same reaction, "Wait. The city actually picks up my leaves at the curb — for free?" It's part of the package of service provided to city residents and businesses that receive the city's refuse/recycling service.

For everyone else, we hear another common refrain: "When are my leaves going to get picked up?"

There's actually a map and schedule for the collection service. Visit fairfaxva.gov, search for "Leaf Collection," and scroll down to the link for the city's leaf color-coded collection map, which has six routes.

Here's a guide for leaf collection:

- Please do not bag leaves during curbside leaf collection. City crews will not collect bagged leaves, and landfills won't accept them during this period.
- Light yard debris, such as grass clippings and weeds, may be included in leaf piles — but not stones, branches and other large items, which may cause injury to workers and damage equipment.
- Again, the city is divided into six sections, and leaves are collected in rotation by neighborhood. Crews circulate through neighborhoods at least once every two weeks, often more frequently. Heavy leaf fall or inclement weather may affect leaf collection.



MORE
INFORMATION
**703-385-
LEAF**

City Survey

WHERE DO YOU PARK IN OLD TOWN?

When heading to events, a restaurant or shopping in Old Town, where do you typically park?
(See "By the Numbers" on page 4 for the number free of spaces available.)

30%
SURFACE LOTS



49%
OLD TOWN PLAZA
GARAGE



3%
STREET PARKING



9%
SPACES IN FRONT
OF A BUSINESS



9%
WALK, BIKE, SCOOTER
OR CUE BUS



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CITY NEWS



Holiday information

Veterans Day, November 11

City government offices - closed
General District Court - closed
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center - open
CUE Bus — modified weekday service

Refuse and recycling are not collected; Monday and Tuesday routes collected Tuesday, 11/12

Please note: there may be a delay in yard debris collection citywide November 11-15. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closure and Service information

Wednesday, November 27

General District Court closes at noon
DMV Select service ends at noon

Thanksgiving, November 28

City government offices closed
General District Court closed
CUE Bus — no service
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed
Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim closed

Trash and recycling are not collected; Thursday route is collected on Friday, November 29

Day After Thanksgiving, November 29

City government offices closed
General District Court closed
CUE Bus — modified weekday schedule
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open
Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim open

Thursday and Friday routes are collected

Refuse and Recycling Service, November 25-29

Monday, Nov. 25: Monday route collected
Tuesday, Nov. 26: Tuesday route collected
Wednesday, Nov. 27: Wednesday route collected
Thursday, Nov. 28: no collection
Friday, Nov. 29: Thursday and Friday routes collected

Please note: yard debris collection may be delayed citywide Nov. 25-29. Please leave items at the curb until they're collected. Information: 703.385.7837, refuserecycling@fairfaxva.gov

Repair Café, November 2

Join Transition Town Fairfax for Repair Café, a unique DIY event that helps individuals learn how to repair broken household items themselves. Bring in broken things, and someone with the proper skill will show you how to fix them. Volunteers with skills to share are welcome (email transitionfairfax@gmail.com). Free. 1-4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., 703.293.2107

General Election November 5

The General Election is Nov. 5 for Virginia Senate (34th District) and House of Delegates (37th District), Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff. Sample ballots are available online and at the Registrar's Office: fairfaxva.gov/vote.

INFORMATION:

November 2: final day to vote absentee in-person (from 8:30 am to 5 pm in the General Registrar's Office in the Sisson House)

November 5: polls open 6 am-7 pm
Results will be posted, when available, on the city website and Cityscreen-12 (after the City Council meeting ends)

Decal Enforcement Begins November 16

Vehicle decals will be mailed on or around November 1, and vehicles garaged in the city must display current decals by November 16. *Information: 703.385.7900 (decal purchase), 703.385.7880 (personal property registration)*

Animal Adoptions, November 16

Find a new animal friend with the help of the City of Fairfax Animal Control and Animal Shelter. The office holds animal adoption events on the third Saturday of the month. To see who's available for adoption at any time, visit the city home page, click How Do I, and choose "Adopt a Pet." *Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Hwy., 11 am-2 pm*

Home Heating Assistance Available

City residents who need help with heating bills this winter may apply for Fairfax County Family Services Fuel Assistance and Crisis Assistance programs. Information: 703.385.7894

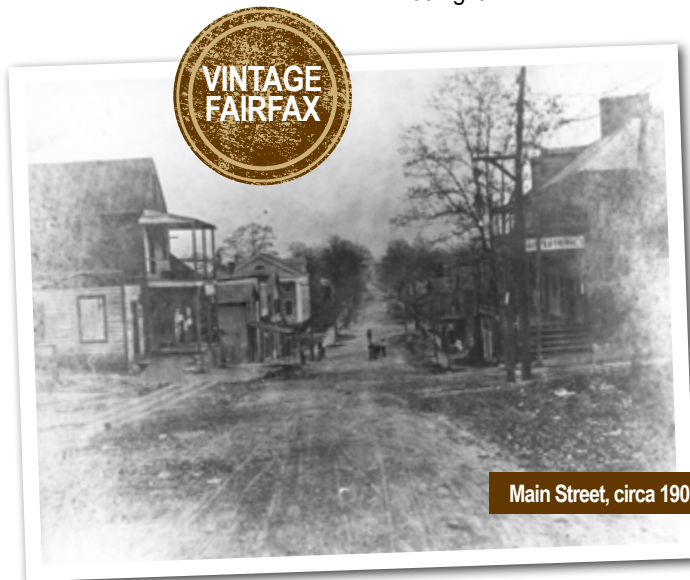
Fuel Assistance helps with the costs of heating homes for eligible households with low income. Applications are accepted through Nov. 8.

Crisis Assistance applies to heating emergencies and can be used to pay bills for utilities that are in danger of being disconnected; applications are accepted through mid-March 2020.

Home Generators: What You Should Know

If choosing to use a generator at your residence, make sure it is the proper size for its intended use. Consult your homeowner associations, if needed, and the Zoning Office can help explain stand-by generator placement guidelines and requirements; 703.385.7820.

- Obtain any necessary city permits from the Code Administration Office before installation; 703.385.7830.
- Stand-by generators are installed outside the home, much like an air conditioning unit.
- Portable generators should be operated outdoors, and away from windows and doors, so carbon monoxide does not enter the home.
- Generators are exempt from city noise laws during power outages (natural gas stand-by generators tend to be the least noisy.) Be mindful of neighbors and the noise created by generators, especially at night.



Main Street, circa 1903

To say this was once a one-horse town might be an understatement (we probably had at least two horses). This image shows our Main Street — not yet paved for the arrival of the automobile — around 1903. On the right, note the office of the newspaper of record, the Fairfax Herald. And on the far left, is the newly constructed Old Town Hall, where it still stands and plays host to everything from concerts to weddings to the Chocolate Lovers Festival. For more great history and photos, swing by the Fairfax Museum (10209 Main St.) or the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library (10360 North St.).

Trees of Hope

With the holidays coming up, there are countless ways to give back in our community. Through social media and in the December issue of *Cityscene*, we'll offer lots of ideas for helping those in need. In the short term, here are two terrific ways to get the charitable giving started this month:

A WARM GESTURE 2019

Stop by Old Town Hall on Nov. 6 (6-8 pm) and Nov. 9 (11 am-2 pm) to make scarves for the homeless. Local artist Debra Wright, in cooperation with Fairfax City, is pleased to extend this open call to service. The scarves will then be placed on a Christmas Tree in the Sherwood Center throughout the holiday season.

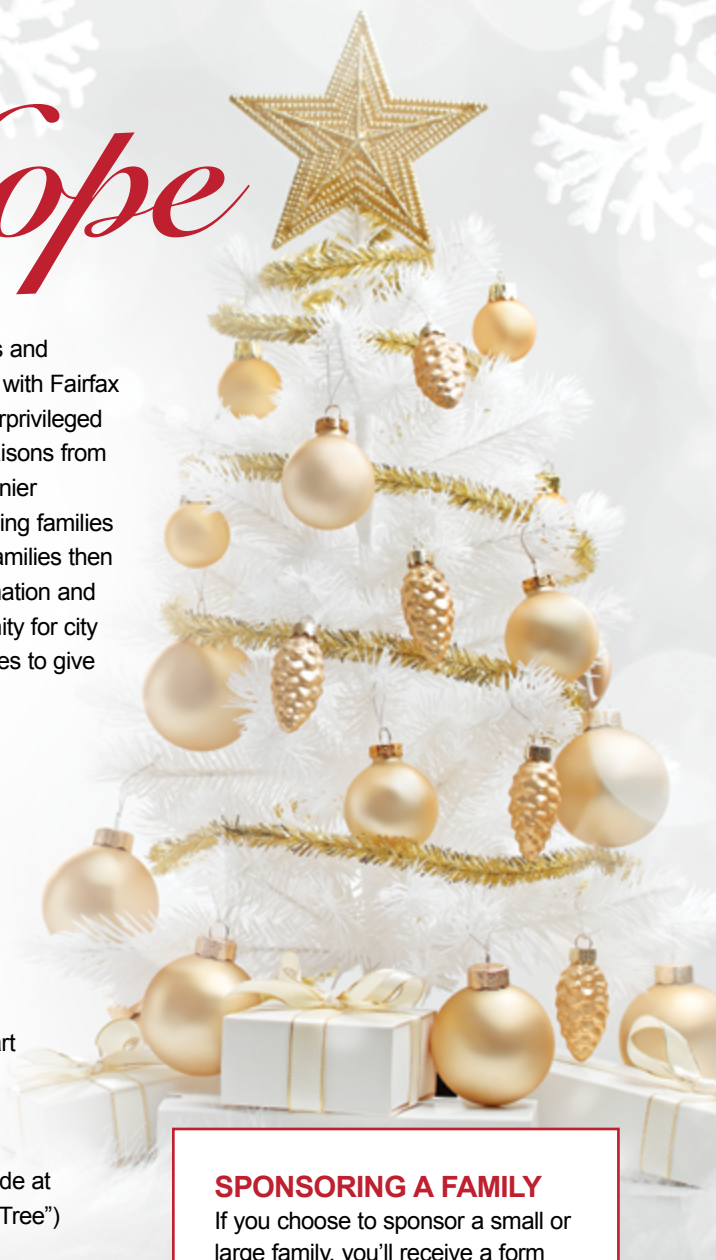
Even if you're not a knitter and can't crochet, stop by to enjoy community, refreshment and the amazing art created by the Fairfax Art League; the league also will be accepting nonperishable food items. Also, we'll accept donations of clean, usable yarn. Please find a drop-off box located inside City Hall (10455 Armstrong St).

THE GIVING TREE

Each year, the Fairfax City Parks and Recreation Department partners with Fairfax City Public Schools to help underprivileged families in our city. The parent liaisons from Daniels Run, Providence and Lanier Schools have assisted in identifying families in need from each school. The families then complete a form with their information and wish list. This is a great opportunity for city residents and business companies to give back this season.

Here's how to donate (please commit by Nov. 29):

- **Sponsor a small family:**
Buy gifts for a family of up to four people
- **Sponsor a large family:**
Buy gifts for a family five or more people
- **Gift Card Donations:**
Grocery stores/Target/Walmart
- **Check/Cash donation:**
Staff will buy the gifts to donate to the families.
(Online donations can be made at fairfaxva.gov, search "Giving Tree")



SPONSORING A FAMILY

If you choose to sponsor a small or large family, you'll receive a form that has information on the specific family. Please drop off unwrapped presents and gift cards at the Sherwood Center (3740 Old Lee Hwy.) no later than Fri., Dec. 6. The Parks and Recreation staff will wrap and deliver all presents to the schools before winter break. *More info:* karen.lussier@fairfaxva.gov, or call 703.591.3689

STAYING INFORMED

**READY
SET
311**



City residents and businesses have a new tool that provides critical information about the city and gives them the opportunity to alert us about everything from potholes to concerns about important municipal issues. It's called Ready311, and it can be used on all smartphones, including iPhones and Android devices.

The city IT staff notes the app's simple interface makes it easy to use. The all-in-one tool gives you the chance to check out available city services, a phone list for City Hall staff, critical news, traffic and

event alert, information about municipal meetings and links to the city's social-media accounts.

The app is free. See the app store icon on your smartphone and search "Ready 311." From there, you'll be prompted to enter a jurisdiction.

BY THE NUMBERS

Old Town Parking

Parking in Old Town isn't as challenging as some would think. While you may not be able to park directly in front of a business (although often you can), there are scores of spaces within a short walk of our amazing downtown businesses. Here's a quick breakdown of the spaces:

1,025

Total number of free parking spaces in the five core blocks of Old Town and adjacent blocks

560

Number of spaces in the Old Town Plaza parking garage

50+

Percentage of Old Town Fairfax parking garage spaces that are empty on most days of the week; check the electronic wayfinding signs on Chain Bridge Road and University Drive for a real-time count

COMMUNITY

City Seniors Win Olympic Medals

If anyone ever thinks Northern Virginia's Senior Olympics are an exercise in back-patting and fun, they haven't met the athletes themselves — or Sonny Caputo and Nick Garito. The two city residents recently won gold and silver, respectively, in September's Senior Olympics. Caputo, 87, and Garito 89, won their medals in the hotly contested bocce competition, a game requiring patience, skill, stamina and lots of strategy.

"All of the competitors work extremely hard to keep their edge in a particular sport," says Anne Chase, recreation manager and coordinator of the Senior Center at Green Acres. "Sonny and Nick may look and like happy-go-lucky grandfathers, but, trust me, they are fierce competitors. We're incredibly proud they represented our Senior Center and Fairfax City in this competition. The gold and silver medals are icing on the victory cake."



5 MINUTES WITH ...

CHRISTINA ALEXANDER

CAPITAL PROJECTS MANAGER



How long have you been with the city? I've been here nine years — four as plan reviewer and five as storm-water resource engineer/project manager.

What is the big picture of your new role? Managing the transportation capital improvement projects from inception through construction.

What are some examples of big capital projects that impact your role? I've managed the day-to-day field staff and engineers for Northfax, which was a \$43 million project over three years — and I had a baby in between! Also, the Chain Bridge Road project, which is a year-long detour with full detours in between. Others include the Old Lee Highway project,

as I've worked on preliminary engineering into construction; and University Drive traffic calming, with construction starting soon after the detour for Chain Bridge Road is finished. Above all, I work to minimize and value engineer utility impacts and fiscal impacts in the field. Of course, I also make sure our team notifies the public on impacts to traffic and road conditions.

Why do you love your job and working for the city? I love working for a small city, where I can get to know the community, and they can feel like I'm part of "the city family" — not just another staff member on the other end of the phone. It's small enough that I can say to a resident, "Why don't I just come out to your property and show you what I'm talking about." Again, I really enjoy being part of the small-town feel.

Who Influences the Look and Feel of Fairfax City?

Around Fairfax City, design decisions — especially in Old Town — are impacted by a number of factors, including historical context. Our Community Development and Planning team recently outlined the role of a major player in the look of where we live: The Board of Architectural Review.

Q. What is the Board of Architectural Review (BAR), and what is its role?

A. It reviews and makes the final approval for projects where the appearance of a private property is changed in some way. This can be anything from landscaping work to painting to outdoor furniture to entirely new buildings. (Note: Certain properties are exempt from BAR oversight, including single-family homes.) An approved project receives a Certificate of Appropriateness. In some cases, the BAR will make a recommendation to City Council for projects that require other types of approvals, such as special exceptions or rezoning. The BAR has review citywide. However, it has stricter set of criteria in the Old Town historic district.

Q. How many people are on the Board? Are they elected?

A. The BAR has seven members appointed by City Council for two-year terms. Their backgrounds vary but currently include architecture, project management and construction. All members have a demonstrated interest in historic preservation and the beautification of the city.

Q. How often does it meet, and can the public show up?

A. The BAR is scheduled to meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month (except August) at 7 p.m. in

City Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend to observe presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and to voice their views on the projects being reviewed.

Q. What are some examples of recent meeting topics?

A. In October, the BAR considered the painting of East Wind restaurant (10414 Main St.) and Victoria's Cakery (10430 Main St.) in the Old Town historic district, as well as an exterior remodel of the Red Lobster (10325 Fairfax Blvd).

Q. What criteria does the BAR use to assess a project?

In July 2018, City Council adopted the City of Fairfax Design Guidelines, which contain review criteria for a wide variety of projects. These are designed for online viewing and contain hot links in the table of contents that can be clicked and that will jump you to the page you want to view. (Visit fairfaxva.gov and search Board of Architectural Review; scroll to bottom of page for the Design Guidelines.)

Q. Where can I find out more information about BAR meetings and upcoming reviews?

The BAR webpage (fairfaxva.gov, search "Board of Architectural Review") contains the agendas, staff reports and meeting minutes of the 10 most recent meetings. Staff reports are posted the Friday before the date of the meeting and contain a staff description, analysis and recommendation, as well as the plans submitted by the applicant. The meeting minutes are often adopted at the following meeting and posted online.



COUNCIL REPORTER

PLEASE NOTE: summaries have been edited.
To read the full Council Reporter, visit fairfaxva.gov
and click on "City Meetings."

SEPTEMBER 10

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration to authorize the city to enter into a one-year Capital Funding Agreement with Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA); Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the FY 20 agreements between the city and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) for CUE operating and capital; Consideration of an award of Basic Ordering Agreement to ESC Mid-Atlantic, LLC for Special Inspections and Constructability Analyses and Related Task Order in an amount not to exceed \$115,403; Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code, Chapter 2, pertaining to the appointment or designation of an Acting City Manager.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, a special use permit to allow a family home daycare with 5-12 children in the RM, Residential Medium Zoning District at 3409 Park Hill Place, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$502,425.33 to fund the replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution endorsing the submission of two grant applications to the Transportation Alternative Program to fund the Sager Avenue sidewalk and Bike Share infrastructure.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, a resolution to endorse the city's submission to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY 21 and FY 22 Revenue Sharing Funding.
- Approved, unanimously, the city's submission to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for FY 2024/2025 NVT A 70% Funding.

ACTIONS OUT OF CLOSED MEETING/APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Reappointed: Robert Beaty to the Board of Architectural Review; Brian Knapp to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; Brian Michael Anderson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; Brian Cipriano to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Appointed Robert Traister to the Board of Equalization.

Agendas Available on the City Website

Visit the website to stay abreast of board and commission meetings and actions: read the website Community Calendar to see when and where meetings are scheduled.

Want to see proposed agendas for meetings of the City Council, School Board, and Planning Commission? From the home page, click on "City Meetings;" agendas are posted the week before the meeting. Additionally, "future agenda items" tracks upcoming issues expected to come before the City Council in the near future.

Also, on the "City Meetings" page is a link to the city boards and commissions list. This link directly connects citizens to the individual board and commission web pages.

SEPTEMBER 24

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an ordinance granting a charitable personal property tax exemption to HCR Manor Care, for certain business personal property located at 3900 Jermantown Road.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, a special use permit to allow dancing and entertainment as an accessory use to a restaurant in the CR Commercial Retail Zoning District and the Old Town Fairfax Historic overlay district at 10426 Main Street, subject to conditions. (Councilmember DeMarco recused from the agenda item, and Councilmember Yi abstained from vote.)
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code, Chapter 2, pertaining to the appointment or designation of an Acting City Manager.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, a resolution approving a lease financing with the Virginia Resources Authority, approving the form of certain documents prepared in connection therewith and authorizing the distribution, execution, and delivery of the same.

ACTIONS OUT OF CLOSED MEETING/APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Approved, unanimously, covenants and settlement agreement between the City of Fairfax and Army Navy Country Club, substantially of the form attached to the staff report for this item. Authorized the Mayor and/or the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the city, provided that the final agreement is substantially of the form attached to the staff report for this item, subject to such non-substantive modification that are approved by the City Attorney.
- Confirmed the following appointments made during the September 10, 2019 work session: Robert Beaty, reappointed to Board of Architectural Review; Robert Traister, appointed to Board of Equalization; Brian Cipriano, reappointed to Park and Recreation Advisory Board; Brian Knapp, reappointed to Park and Recreation Advisory Board; Michael Anderson, reappointed to Park and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Appointed Fiona Davies to the Environmental Sustainability Committee.
- Reappointed: Carl Jennison to the George Mason University Fairfax Campus Advisory Board; Brian Knapp to NOVA Parks.

Connect2FairfaxCity

Stay abreast of City Council meeting agendas, and provide comment on the next City Council meeting, via Connect2FairfaxCity, an online interface available from the city website. Create a profile to access agendas and related documents — and more importantly, provide public comment as late as 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

All comments posted on Connect2 are public and "on the record," and reviewed by the Mayor and City Councilmembers.

This is a user-controlled resource: users create their own profiles and determine their own level of engagement.

Receive reminders for upcoming City Council meetings via email, text or app using Fairfax City Alert; click on "City Alerts" at the top of the city web page to subscribe, or to manage your subscription.

Info: CityClerk@fairfaxva.gov, 703.385.7935

community Calendar

NOVEMBER 2019

Visit fairfaxva.gov for late-breaking news and event information.
Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

ALL MONTH

Exhibit: "Teetotalers and Moonshiners: Prohibition in the Virginia, Distilled"
10/28 through 12/7,
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703.385.7850
Arts and Cultural Events 703.352.ARTS
City of Fairfax Regional Library 703.293.6227
Civil War Interpretive Center 703.591.0560
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703.385.8414
George Mason University Events 703.993.1000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Watch live and taped proceedings of City Council meetings or read reports of meetings by visiting fairfaxva.gov and clicking this icon on the home page.	 For a full CityScreen-12 schedule, visit fairfaxva.gov and click on "Services"				1  BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*	2  Final day to vote absentee for the November 5 Election; General Registrar's Office is open from 8:30 am-5 pm Senior Center Flea Market and Craft Sale, 9 am-2 pm, Sherwood Center
3 Second Sunday: Goodbye Booze: The Music of Prohibition, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	4  CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS (THROUGH 12/27) Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	5  ELECTION DAY polls open 6 am-7 pm GENERAL DISTRICT COURT CLOSED City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	6 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, location TBA Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim	7 City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	8 ArtScreen: Nosferatu (with live soundtrack), 7 pm, Sherwood Center BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*	Beneath the Paint: A Civil War Graffiti Symposium, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Historic Blenheim Fairfax Art League member meeting & demonstration, 10 am-12:30 pm, Green Acres Repair Café, 1-4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library
10 Second Sunday: Goodbye Booze: The Music of Prohibition, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	11 VETERANS DAY City gov't offices closed General District Court closed Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open CUE Bus — modified weekday service Refuse and recycling are not collected; Monday and Tuesday routes collected Tuesday, 11/12	12 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	13 Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim	14 Art & Lunch with Fairfax Art League, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	15 Sherwood Family Movie Night: Aladdin (2019), 7 pm (non-perishable food donations accepted for Britepaths; call for information) BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*	9 School Board mid-year retreat, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Historic Blenheim 16 Holiday Craft Show, 10 am-5 pm, Fairfax High School Animal Adoption Event, 11 am-2 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway
17 Holiday Craft Show, 10 am-3 pm, Fairfax High School	18 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Planning Commission, 7 pm, City Hall Annex School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	19 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Commission for Women, 7 pm, City Hall	20 Mason Arts at Old Town Hall: Joyous Brass Ensemble, 7 pm, Old Town Hall Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth meeting, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	21 Friday Morning Music Club, noon, Old Town Hall FX Players: The Children's Hour, 7 pm, Fairfax High School	22 FX Players: The Children's Hour, 7 pm, Fairfax High School BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*	23 FX Players: The Children's Hour, 7 pm, Fairfax High School
24 FX Players Fall Players: The Children's Hour, 2 pm, Fairfax High School	25 Monday refuse & recycling route collected as usual Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	26 Tuesday refuse & recycling route collected as usual	27 Wednesday refuse & recycling route collected as usual General District Court closes at noon DMV Select Services end at noon	28 THANKSGIVING  FAIRFAX TURKEY TROT 9 am, Fire Station 3 City gov't offices closed General District Court closed CUE Bus — no service Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim closed Trash and recycling are not collected; Thursday route is collected Friday, November 29	29 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING City government offices closed General District Court closed CUE Bus — modified weekday service Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim open Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling routes are collected BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*	30

*Bingo benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department

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WHY I VOLUNTEER

KIM LUCKABAUGH

PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD (PRAB)

Years in Fairfax City: 22 (She's also the program manager for Volunteer Fairfax, which connects people to volunteer needs throughout the Fairfax community with programs engaging youth, families and busy professionals.)

Why she volunteers for PRAB: It's all about relationships and drawing people together. Our Parks and Recreation venues, activities and opportunities are central to creating a sense of place and connectivity for our city residents.

Upcoming PRAB initiatives that she's excited about: The city is entering a new era, and the parks are an important component of this. The most visible will be the Willard/Sherwood Community Center plans. Combining this resource with the implementation of the Van Dyke Park Master Plan will create an amazing jewel in the heart of Fairfax.

Why she loves Fairfax City: I call Fairfax City an oasis in the middle of suburbia; it's like Norman Rockwell's America. Families grow up together, and neighbors help each other. The sense of place — real community — in Fairfax City is the strongest in the area. I love our small-town events, too. The July 4th festivities, especially the parade, showcase our heart. It's such a special place to call home!

Want to volunteer? There are currently positions open for the following boards and commissions: Board of Zoning Appeals (one vacancy for a city resident); Commission for Women (one vacancy for a city resident); Commission on the Arts (two vacancies for city residents); Economic Development Authority (two vacancies; for more information please email EconomicDevelopment@fairfaxva.gov); Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (one vacancy for a city resident); Planning Commission (one vacancy for a city resident). Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year; they must also be a registered voter at their current address. To apply, visit fairfaxva.gov, click on "Residents" and navigate to "Volunteer Opportunities," or call 703.385.7935. Deadline: Nov. 14

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CULTURAL CALENDAR

Flea Market & Craft Sale, November 2

Find a handcrafted item or a gently used gem at the Flea Market & Craft Sale at the Sherwood Center. Proceeds benefit the Young at Heart Senior Center.

Free, 3740 Old Lee Hwy., 9 am to 2 pm 703.273.6090

Graffiti Seminar, November 2

Learn about the history of Civil War graffiti and the tools and techniques conservators use to reveal and conserve these special artifacts of the American Civil War. Held in the city's renowned Historic Blenheim; sponsored by the Northern Virginia Civil War Graffiti Trail. 9:30 am-3:30 pm, \$15 per person (optional \$10 box lunch), 3610 Old Lee Hwy., 703.385.8414

Nosferatu, November 8

Watch the 1922 classic film ranked #22 on Empire magazine's "The 100 Best Films of World Cinema" — with live music performed by Tom Teasley on percussion. Free. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy, 7:30 pm (doors open at 7 pm). 703.352.ARTS

Goodbye Booze, November 10

Trace the musical legacy of Prohibition through spoken narrative, period images and both live and recorded music. (Feel free to sing along!) Musical tour guided by Dr. Gregg D. Kimball from the Library of Virginia. Free, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., 2 pm. 703.385.8414

Sherwood Family Movie, November 15

Watch Aladdin (2019) at the Sherwood Center November 15. Lights go down at 7 pm, Britepaths accepts food donations (list of acceptable items available). Free, 703.385.7858

Friday Morning Music Club, November 21

Revel in classical music by the Friday Morning Music Club, the region's premier classical musicians. Concerts are at noon Nov. 21, and Jan. 16, 2020. Free. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Dr., 11 am. 703.352.ARTS